

REMARKS

In the November 23, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner noted that no status of claims and support for claim changes required by 37 CFR 1.173 (c) were submitted.

Status of Claims and Support for Claim Changes

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application.

With respect to claim 5, Applicant replaced the wording “and a central point on the top side” with “and at the other end thereof to a central point between the tip and handle portions” in its December 30, 2003 Response. Support for such a change can be found, for example, in Figs. 4D, 5C.

With respect to claim 8, Applicants added “and a longitudinal axis from said handle portion to said tip portion” after “said bottom shaft piece having a tip portion and a handle portion” in its August 18, 2004 Response. In addition, Applicants added “, along said longitudinal axis” after “a top shaft cutting piece slideably engaged.” Support for such additions can be found, for example, in Figs. 2-3, 4A-4B. Furthermore, Applicant replaced the wording “moveably” with “slideably” in its December 30, 2003 Response. Support for such a change can be found, for example, in Figs. 4A-4B.

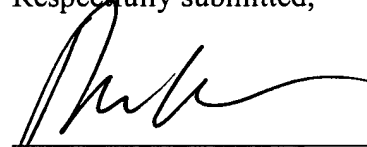
As recited above, Applicant has submitted the required status of claims and support for claim changes. Applicant has also amended the status identifiers for claims 2-8.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the amendment and remarks made herein place this reissue application in a condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that the reissue application be allowed.

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